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MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE MONTHS FOR DISTRIBUTING STEROIDS

LAS VEGAS — A Canadian man who made his home in Henderson, Nevada is facing deportation today after being sentenced to five months in federal prison for operating an Internet website that sold anabolic steroids. Valerio Moscariello, 31, of Toronto, was turned over to the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and placed in removal proceedings yesterday following the sentencing, which amounted to time served.

Moscariello pleaded guilty in August to felony charges of illegally possessing 27 units (270 cc) of anabolic steroids and to operating a website - www.juiceworld.com - that distributed this substance. ICE sought federal charges against Moscariello after the suspect posted bond on related charges lodged by local authorities. Both prosecutions came about as a result of leads uncovered by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and a subsequent investigation by the Henderson Police Department.

Moscariello was sentenced October 31 by U.S. District Judge Roger L. Hunt. The sentence included an enhancement under the federal sentencing guidelines for distributing the substances through mass-marketing by means of an interactive computer service.

In February 2005, U.S. Postal Inspectors tracked a steroid distribution operation to the defendant's residence in Henderson. In June 2005, law enforcement officers executed a search of the residence and seized a quantity of anabolic steroids, including Primobolon Depot, Deca Nadrolone Decanoate, and Trenbolone Acetate. Officers also seized "buy-owe" sheets, small bottles and syringes consistent with the repackaging of these substances, and approximately \$16,000 in cash.

Moscariello has been ordered to remove his website from the Internet and surrender the unlawful items seized from his home in June.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.